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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE; BRUSSELS FOR USEEC; PARIS  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CSCE, NATO, ECE, SENV  
SUBJECT: NATO ECONADS: BASKET II CONSULTATIONS ON  
ENVIRONMENT

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1. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 1 DELIVERED  
A NON-PAPER BASED ON PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL TO THE  
HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICE (VON SCHUBERT)  
IN THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE. SCIOFF ALSO ORALLY MADE  
POINTS IN PARAS 4 AND 5.

1. VON SCHUBERT SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD

MEET DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5 TO COORDINATE ITS POSITION IN PREPARATION FOR THE ECE SENIOR ADVISORS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SAEP) MEETING. AS PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS HE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING:

--VON SCHUBERT AGREED NATO ALLIES SHOULD CAUCUS SOME TIME BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 19 SAEP MEETING. HE, IN FACT, RAISED THE SUBJECT BEFORE SCIOFF COULD.

--THE FRG AGREES THE MOST PROMISING PROJECT ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION. THE GERMANS ALSO FEEL IT MEETS THE AGREED CRITERIA (PARA 3 REFTEL).

--THE GERMANS ALSO FAVOR LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AGENDA ITEMS. THEIR MAXIMUM IS FOUR.

--IN GENERAL, THE FRG BELIEVES PROJECTS THAT ARE HIGHLY TECHNICAL, WHICH HAVE COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS, OR WHICH INVOLVE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS ARE NOT GOOD CANDIDATES. IN THIS CONTEXT VON SCHUBERT MENTIONED WASTE DISPOSAL, LAND USE, AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. VON SCHUBERT ALSO THOUGHT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN UNDER CSCE  
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SHOULD STEER CLEAR OF AREAS IN WHICH WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE IN FORA SUCH AS OECD OR UNEP.

--VON SCHUBERT NOTED THAT CHOICE OF A PROJECT AREA DEPENDED ON THE EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION DESIRED. SOME SUBJECTS WOULD REQUIRE A FULL-BLOWN CONFERENCE WITH HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION WHILE OTHERS COULD BE HANDLED WITH JUST AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

3. VON SCHUBERT INDICATED THE FRG DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE ONE PERSON FROM HIS STAFF, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, AND ONE OR TWO EXPERTS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE FRG MEETING WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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